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### **Secretary Salazar, BLM Director Abbey and Administration Officials to Hold *America's Great Outdoors Initiative* Listening Sessions in Grand Junction & Denver, Colorado**

**COLORADO**—Secretary Salazar, BLM Director Bob Abbey and other senior administration officials will participate in listening sessions on President Obama's *America's Great Outdoors Initiative* to hear from people in the region about solutions for building a 21<sup>st</sup> century conservation and recreation agenda and reconnecting Americans with the outdoors.

Secretary Salazar and BLM Director Abbey will be joined by USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment Harris Sherman, USFS Chief Tom Tidwell and CEQ Associate Director for Policy Outreach Amy Salzman. The listening sessions will be offered in two locations: Grand Junction and Denver. Prior to the Denver session, there will be an *America's Great Outdoors* youth listening session to provide young people the opportunity to join the conversation and share their best ideas.

President Obama inaugurated the *America's Great Outdoors Initiative* at the White House Conference in April. The conference brought together leaders from communities across the country that are working to protect their outdoor spaces and focused on developing and supporting innovative ideas for improving conservation and recreation at the local level.

**WHO:** Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior  
Bob Abbey, Director of Bureau of Land Management, DOI  
Harris Sherman, Undersecretary for Natural Resources & Environment, USDA  
Tom Tidwell, Chief US Forest Service  
Amy Salzman, Associate Director for Policy Outreach, CEQ

**WHAT:** *America's Great Outdoors Initiative* Listening Session & Youth Listening Session

**WHEN:** Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Grand Junction, CO

9:00 a.m. AGO Listening Session  
11:15 a.m. Media avail (BLM Director Abbey and USFS Chief Tidwell)

Denver, CO

11:00 a.m. Youth Listening Session  
1:00 p.m. Media Avail (Secretary Salazar and administration officials)  
2:00 p.m. AGO Listening Session

**WHERE:** Grand Junction, CO

*Media Avail & AGO Listening Session*

Location: Two Rivers Convention Center  
159 Main Street  
Grand Junction, CO 81501  
\* *Gunnison River Room*

Denver, CO

*Media avail*

Location: Confluence Park on the South Platte River  
2200 15th Street  
Denver, CO 80202

*Youth Listening Session & AGO Listening Session*

Location: Denver Marriott West  
1717 Denver West Blvd  
Golden, CO 80401

**More Info:** You can find more information on the America's Great Outdoors Initiative at:  
[www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/](http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/).

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